



Indiana Citizens' Advisory Commission

In 1993, as part of the National Defense Act, Congress directed the Army to create Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commissions (CACs) for states in which low-volume chemical weapons stockpiles exist. These states are Indiana, Kentucky and Maryland. The Army also established CACs in states that maintain high-volume chemical weapons stockpiles, such as Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Oregon and Utah.

Public involvement is key to the success of the Army's chemical demilitarization program. The Army encourages the public to participate in all phases of the program's decision-making process. The CACs provide a vital informational link between state agencies, the community and the Army.

The Indiana CAC has nine members, all of whom are appointed by the governor. Seven are from the region where the stockpile is located, and two are state officials with technical expertise. Commission members are not paid, but the CAC does receive funding from the Army to cover administrative costs and travel expenses when appropriate.

The CAC is required to meet with a representative from the Secretary of the Army at least twice per year, although many meet more often. At these meetings, members discuss issues surrounding the Chemical Demilitarization Program and its impact on Newport, neighboring communities and the state of Indiana.

The CAC recently provided the Army with valuable input regarding the selection of specific alternative technologies for pilot testing. In a presentation before the Department of the Army and the Defense Integrated Process Team, the Indiana CAC co-chairman emphasized the commission's support for neutralization pilot testing. This level of participation is indicative of the partnership between the Army and the CAC.

For more information regarding CAC activities in Indiana, contact any of the commission members listed below, the Newport Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office at (765) 492-4445, or visit our web site at <http://www.cma.army.mil/>.

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